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The Honorable Dereck Davis, Chairman  
Members of the House Economic Matters Committee  
House Economic Matters Committee  
House Office Building, Room 231  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support, House Bill 701: Energy Companies- Net Energy Metering- Payment for Accrued Generation Credit, House Bill 852: Energy Companies- Net Energy Metering Credit Transfers- Municipalities, and House Bill 902: Energy Companies- Net Energy Metering - Credit Transfers

Dear Delegate Davis and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of the Environment would like to express its support for HB 701, HB 852, and HB 902. Although these bills focus on financial aspects of net energy metering, they have the effect of improving the incentives for Maryland citizens, businesses, and organizations to participate in net energy metering. This process has the potential to increase in-state production of energy and help the State stay on track to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 25 percent by 2020, a target mandated by Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2009. As you know, due to Maryland's extensive coastline, addressing sea level rise and climate change is critically urgent.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues as you review HB 701, HB 852, and HB 902. Please contact me at 410-260-6301 or [lnissley@mde.state.md.us](mailto:lnissley@mde.state.md.us) if you would like to discuss any of these issues further.

Sincerely,

Lisa Nissley

Cc: George (Tad) S. Aburn, Jr., Director, Air and Radiation Management Administration  
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